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SUBJECT:SUHARTO'S DESIRE THAT PRESIDENT CARTER VISIT INDONESIA

1. INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S. ASHARI, WHO RETURNED TO JAKARTA FOR VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S VISIT, TOLD ME MAY 10 THAT SUHARTO HAD EXPRESSED TO HIM HIS PERSONAL PLEASURE AT THE SUCCESS OF THE VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT. HE WAS DISAPPOINTED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WAS NO MENTION OF A VISIT BY SUHARTO TO WASHINGTON OR OF PRESIDENT CARTER TO INDONESIA. ASHARI SAID PRESIDENT CARTER HAD TOLD HIM IN WASHINGTON THAT HE HOPED TO VISIT INDONESIA IN 1979. SUHARTO WAS MOST INTERESTED IN THIS AND HOPED SUCH A VISIT WOULD BE POSSIBLE. ASHARI SUGGESTED THAT THERE MIGHT BE "MUTUAL INVITATIONS" FOR VISITS EACH WAY SOMETIME NEXT YEAR. I EXPLAINED TO ASHARI THAT PRESIDENT CARTER'S SCHEDULE WAS EXTREMELY FULL AND THAT THERE WERE ALREADY MANY DEMANDS ON HIS TIME NEXT YEAR. ASHARI SAID HE WAS AWARE OF THIS AND THAT THIS POINT HAD BEEN MADE TO HIM BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. NONETHE-
LESS SUHARTO FELT STRONGLY ON THIS AND HE PLANNED TO PURSUE THE POSSIBILITY OF OFFICIAL VISITS AT THE PRESIDENTIAL LEVEL ON HIS RETURN
TO WASHINGTON.
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